

in all parts of the Connexion were an inspiration. £297,500 was raised, which was thus distributed :

Foreign Missions	£63,869	Necessitous Local Preachers	£8,000
Extension of Methodism	45,000	Sunday School Union	6,000
Schools Fund	37,878	Methodism in Scotland	4,907
Handsworth College	25,000	Invalid Ministers' Rest Fund	4,000
Children's Home and Princess Alice Orphanage	24,168	Welsh Chapels	3,934
Home Missions	21,000	London German Chapel	2,002
Education Fund	14,000	Oxford New Chapel	2,000
Middle-class Schools	10,000	Temperance Committee	2,000
Theological Institution	8,817	Other objects	1,300

Great Town Missions.—Up to the year 1825 the state of some town chapels had been regarded as almost hopeless. Members had removed to the suburbs, and venerable sanctuaries were almost deserted. The appointment of the Rev. S. F. Collier to Oldham Street, and the Rev. Edward Smith to the London Mission, soon created new hope, and ever since then the tide of enthusiasm and of success has been rising. In Manchester, 14,000 people attend the mission services every Sunday. There are also 2500 Sunday scholars, and 1200 men and women meeting in Bible classes. In London, St. James' Hall is crowded, and a thousand people have been turned away from Mr. Hughes' evening service. Clerkenwell is a wonderful artisan congregation; Southwark and Locksfields are filled. St. George's has become the centre of a great rescue work in the East End. Birmingham, Nottingham, Hull, Cardiff, Leicester, Coventry, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sunderland, Leeds, Liverpool, Bolton, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and many other towns have a similar record. Methodism has not only shown its power to gather crowds of people, but has proved that by wise social measures it is possible to win the most degraded for Christ.

Village Methodism.—The same spirit has borne fruit in village Methodism. East Anglia has witnessed a wonderful revival. Nineteen chapels which had been closed have been reopened, and the whole district is being worked in a new spirit. In Devon and Dorset and in Wiltshire our Village Missions have taken firm root, and are growing stronger every day. The South Wales Mission is doing good service. Sisters of the People and Deaconesses are taking a foremost place in the modern Home Mission movement. By nursing the sick and visiting the poor they have done much to win the goodwill of the masses, and lay a firm basis for the evangelistic successes which are reported from all quarters. The Rev. Thomas Champness has done a great work for the villages and for Foreign Missions by his *Joyful News Mission*, which found a home at Rochdale in 1886.

Work among Children.—Dr. Stephenson's work for destitute and orphan children is one of the chief glories of